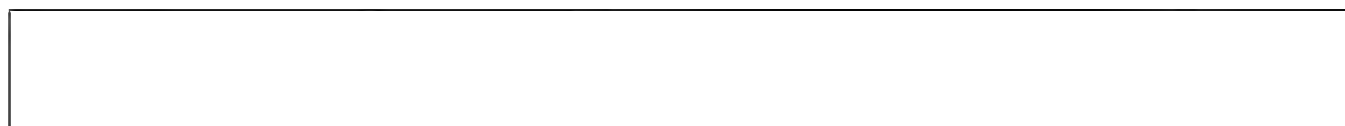


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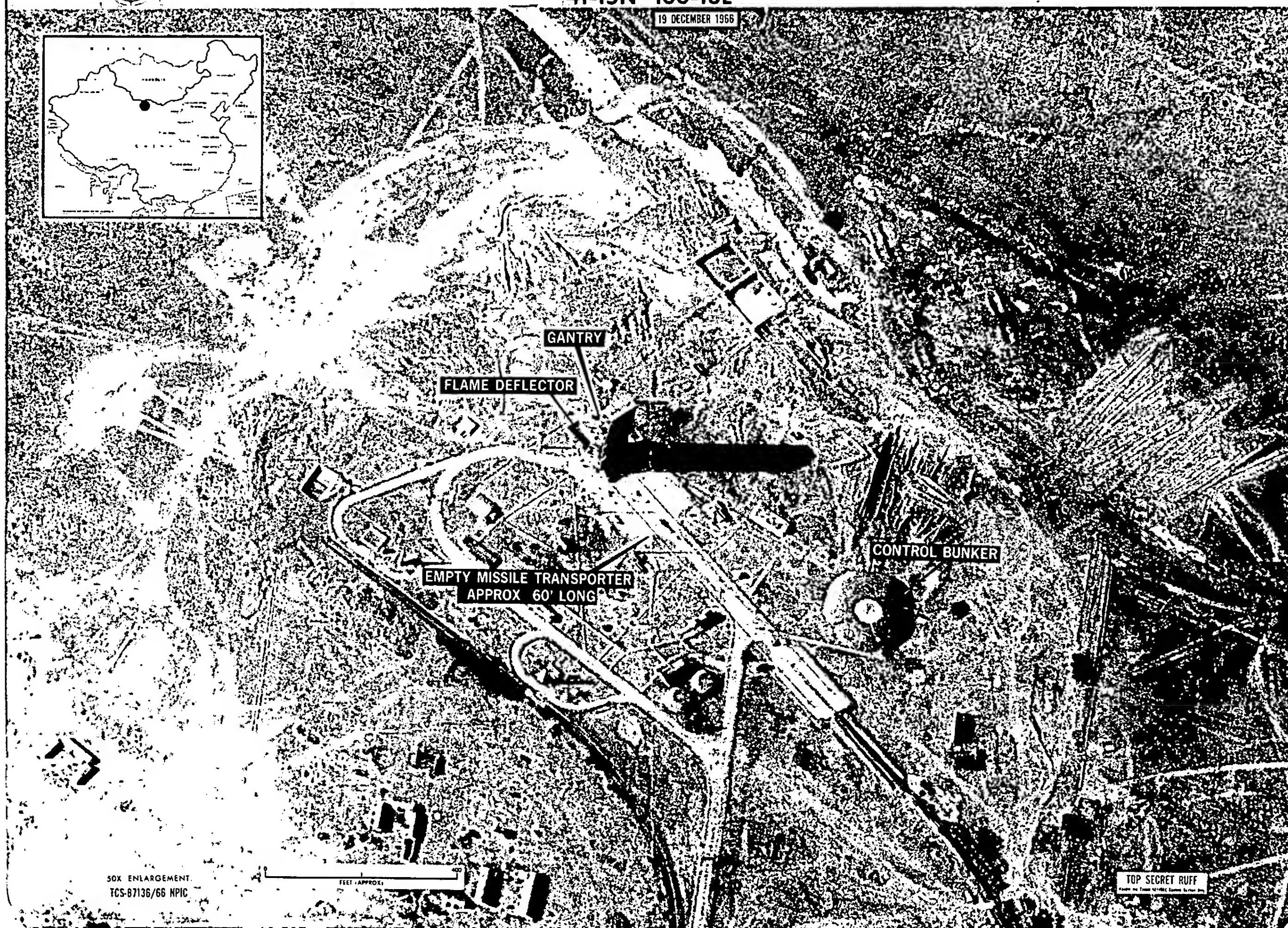
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1. Communist China

Mid-December photography of the Chinese missile test range (see photo) shows that launch complex "B" is now complete. Construction on this site, which we have monitored for over a year, has been extremely rapid even by US or Soviet standards.

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2. North Vietnam

We have seen no indication that Hanoi has changed its price for peace negotiations, despite the recent flurry of statements designed to put a better face on the North Vietnamese position.

The latest of these was made at a press luncheon today in Paris by the senior North Vietnamese representative, who said Hanoi would "study" the matter--if the US "finally and unconditionally" stopped bombing. He gave the standard exposition of Hanoi's four points and the National Liberation Front's five. There was no suggestion of any concessions by the North Vietnamese.

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4. Communist China

Mao has now, for the first time in the long struggle within the leadership, personally entered the ring and may be trying for a quick knockout against Liu Shao-chi and Teng Hsiao-ping.

According to posters and Red Guard newspapers seen yesterday and today by foreign newsmen in Peking, Mao personally attacked both of these persons. Mao is said to have complained bitterly that they forced him out as chief of state in 1958 and have treated him like a "deceased parent" ever since. Although Mao did indeed turn the ceremonial office over to Liu after the "people's communes" lunacy collapsed in 1958, this charge is a patent fabrication.

With Mao's prestige now formally on the line, those attacking Liu and Teng are under pressure to finish a job they have so far been unable to carry out.

5. Cyprus

A storm may be brewing over a shipment of Czech arms that arrived on the island last November. Makarios had secretly purchased the arms for his Greek Cypriot police force.

At that time, both Turkey and Greece screamed loudly, Makarios put the arms in storage subject to UN "inspection," and the Czechs suspended further shipments. Ankara, still upset, now wants them put under UN "custody" and finally withdrawn. The Turks are muttering about providing the Turkish Cypriots with "equivalent arms" if their demands are not met.

However, the police units for whom they were intended will be well enough trained by late February to use the arms, and we believe Makarios will bring them out of storage at that time.

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6. Congo

Mobutu, under prodding from the US Embassy, has backed down a bit in his potentially ruinous quarrel with Union Minière. He now seems willing to work toward an agreement, but most of his conditions are likely to be rejected by the company.

7. Jordan

The poker game to keep other Arab troops out of Jordan continues.

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8. Guyana

The coalition government set up in 1964 to keep the pro-Communist demagogue Cheddi Jagan out of power is developing some cracks.

Prime Minister Burnham and his junior coalition partner, the finance minister, are at loggerheads over both policy and personal matters.

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9. Nigeria

Gowon and Ojukwu behaved "like officers and gentlemen" at yesterday's meeting in Accra. All participants are said to be "greatly relaxed," and another session was held today. So far, however, the only agreement reached has been not to settle their disputes by force.

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